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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6293

BILL NUMBER: SB 277

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 22, 2014

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: School Counselors.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Merritt

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires a school corporation to employ at least one school counselor at each elementary school, not including private or charter schools, maintained by the school corporation.

Effective Date: July 1, 2015.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: The bill applies to school corporations and not charter schools. Based on 2013-14 school information, there are about 1,385 schools with students in Grades K-6 operated by school corporations employing 492 elementary school counselors. Consequently, about 893 elementary schools have no designated elementary school counselor. The annual cost to school corporations, assuming an average elementary school counselor salary of about \$51,000 and a fringe benefit rate of about 30%, would be about \$59.2 M.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: School corporations; Local schools.

Information Sources: Department of Education.

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